The main thrust from now onwards is on the non-quota countries or non-quota items in quota countries because utilisation of quota in quota contries is almost full, cent per cent. There is not much of scope there. Those countries are becoming restrictive. They are imposing all sorts of restrictions on our export to those countries, we have to look to newer markets and Japan, Australia and the eastern market being non-quota, our thrust now is that we should exploit those market for our benefit.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Sir, I would like to know whether the hon. Minister is aware that the Delhi High Court has struck down the quota policy for 1988-89 for the reasons that *prima facie*, it is a tax without authority in any valid law and what the Government proposes to do now to refund approximately Rs. 20 crores which had been collected.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: We are aware of the judgment of the High Court. We are taking legal advice in this and further action will be taken in the light of what legal advice we get.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Change in the Management ethos of Banks

*125. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to break the nexus between big business and commercial banking in the context of the Prime Minister's reported observations at Bombay on January 24, this year; and

(b) what steps are being taken to introduce democratic character in the management of banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The banking system in the country has been striving continuously in the past two decades, both in terms of its spread and in deployment of credit, to meet increasingly the needs of the small borrowers. All Scheduled Commercial Banks are required to provide a substantial portion of their outstanding credit in favour of borrowers in priority sector which includes *inter-alia* agriculture, small sacle industry, small business, poverty alleviation programmes and schemes for self-employment of weaker sections. During the period, the major thrust in branch expansion too has been in rural/semi urban areas. Due emphasis is also being given in the management of banks to make them more and more responsive to public needs.

Smuggling of Drugs

126. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the 'Times of India' of the 2nd January, 1989 regarding clandestine operation of a drug syndicate by opening a new route for the smuggling of drugs to the international market through Calcutta in close liaison with the poppy growers of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?